

fans, a marching band, and ending with a glittering fireworks show.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the Taylor North Little League Team: Chauncey Adkins, Noah Boren, Lucas Farner, Job Furkas, Kale Harris, Max LeForest, Jaxon Shufeldt, Jackson Surma, Cameron Thorning, Gavin Ulin, and Ethan Van Belle—along with Coach Guido Ulin and Manager Rick Thorning. Please join me in congratulating this team on their fantastic win and in wishing them the best of luck in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
MATTHEW J. MCCARTHY

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding life and legacy of Matthew J. McCarthy, age 35, who passed away far too soon on Friday, August 13, 2021. A talented and respected trumpet player, composer, arranger, and educator, Matt touched the lives of countless individuals and left a lasting impression on the central Florida music community.

Matt was a professional trumpet player, specializing in modern and improvised music. He had experience playing all styles of music, including jazz, big band, orchestral, chamber music, rock, ska, pop, commercial, salsa, and more. He worked with musicians and performance groups that included the Glenn Miller Orchestra, the Sam Rivers RivBea Orchestra, Cirque Du Soleil's La Nouba, Junkierush, the Outer Toons, the Supervillains, Mad Sexual Genius, the Orlando Jazz Orchestra, the Harry James Orchestra, various bands of Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, the Smithsonian Jazz Orchestra, and countless other local groups and celebrities. Matt also spent a lot of time performing with the one and only Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, playing lead trumpet. It was with this group, he toured all over the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and on countless international cruises.

A prolific composer and arranger, specializing in custom arrangements and charts, Matt had experience in transcription, copywork, and orchestration for groups of all sizes. His library included hundreds of arrangements for jazz chamber groups, big bands, large orchestras, latin ensembles, and original compositions for a variety of groups. Frequently premiering new works, his arrangements became highly sought after, especially for competitive marching bands.

Matt began his career in music at the University of Central Florida, where he studied trumpet, composition, and jazz studies, graduating with a dual-specialty Bachelor of Music degree in 2007. During that time, he began working as a freelance trumpet player and arranger. This eventually led to a long career with the bands of Walt Disney World. Additionally, Matt started subbing in the trumpet section for the Sam Rivers RivBea Orchestra, which began a life-long interest in experimental and avant-garde music.

Matt furthered his musical career in 2013 by attending graduate school at the University of South Florida, where he graduated with a

Master of Music in jazz composition in 2015. There he studied with Chuck Owen and Jack Wilkins. During his tenure at USF, Matt performed as lead trumpet player for Jazz Ensemble I, served as director of Jazz Ensemble II, and taught various courses in the Jazz Studies Department. Matt frequently appeared with the USF Jazz Faculty Ensemble and toured Italy with the USF Jazztet in the summer of 2015, performing at the Umbria Jazz Festival in Perugia, Italy. While studying composition, Matt was awarded the Owen Prize for Jazz Composition for his tune, "Hans the Hunter."

Matt McCarthy leaves behind a legacy of kindness, imagination, and musical excellence. Matt's positive and creative outlook on life touched the lives of so many and made our community a better place. I am saddened by the loss of such a valuable member of the community and extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACKS

HON. YVETTE HERRELL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. On that day, 19 al Qaeda terrorists hijacked four aircraft and claimed the lives of 2,974 people, shocking our nation and the world.

The devastation and destruction from that day was heartbreaking, but was swiftly overcome by American resilience following the attacks. Heroic first responders ran towards danger, risking their own lives to rescue victims, and their selfless fortitude will always be remembered. The brave passengers of Flight 93 prevented further tragedy by overwhelming terrorist hijackers; their courage saved countless American lives. Regardless of political party, race, or creed, the 9/11 attacks on our nation remind us of the unifying values that can bring Americans together on the darkest of days.

Today, I want to especially commend the work of the men and women responsible for the new 9/11 Memorial Monument in New Mexico. This community-sponsored Memorial Monument in the Village of Williamsburg was created by hardworking and dedicated New Mexicans to pay solemn tribute to those we lost on 9/11, and the heroes who rose amid the flames. Following the attacks, 42 of New Mexico's finest traveled across the country to assist in search and rescue operations; our country will forever be grateful for all first responders served their fellow Americans.

The tragedy of September 11th echoes to this day. Thousands of first responders, those who worked and lived in lower Manhattan, and crews that came in to clean up the rubble were exposed to toxic particles. By 2018, nearly 10,000 people were diagnosed with 9/11-related cancers. These heroes deserve to have the best of care, and I am thankful that President Trump extended the Victim Compensation Fund through 2092.

September 11th, 2001 will forever be remembered as "Patriot Day," a National Day of

Service and remembrance. I commend all the first responders, volunteers, and countless numbers of men and women who responded to this great tragedy and continue to pray for all families who lost their loved ones.

HONORING GOLD MEDALIST JOHN
BOIE OF MILTON

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Boie. A native of Milton, Wisconsin, John Boie competed for Team USA at the 2020 Paralympics held this year in Tokyo, Japan. John was a member of Team USA's Wheelchair Basketball and helped lead the team to a gold medal victory in a 64–60 win over Japan. John and his teammates secured a gold medal for the United States at the second straight Paralympics for Men's Wheelchair basketball.

During a preliminary game against Iran, John was the heart of Team USA's defensive effort turning 11 first half turnovers into 18 points. The win over Iran contributed to the team's 4–1 record in pool play allowing them to advance to the final knockout round at the 2020 Paralympics Games. The team demonstrated strong chemistry, bolstered by a common thread with five players having ties to UW-Whitewater, including John himself. Together, the team competed in a thrilling gold medal matchup with the United States defeating Japan 64–60 in a come from behind win after trailing during the third quarter. In addition to scoring four points for Team USA, John's strong defensive effort throughout the game helped the United States secure victory.

John's love for sports began at a young age. Despite suffering from an incomplete spinal cord injury after an accident involving a tractor, John continued to demonstrate a love for the game of basketball. John was introduced to wheelchair basketball after attending a wheelchair basketball summer camp at UW-Whitewater when he was eleven years old. John would go on to attend UW-Whitewater where he would become a three-time collegiate wheelchair basketball champion. John would go on to win a silver medal during the 2018 World Championships.

John represented the United States and Southeast Wisconsin with honor. He made both his country and community proud with his composure, talents, and determination. While this is his first gold medal, John's passion for success suggests that it won't be his last. I know Southeast Wisconsin will be backing him 100 percent in his future endeavors.

John's perseverance through adversity helped lead to this historic success. I was proud to watch John represent Wisconsin and the United States on the world stage. On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I would like to congratulate John on his tremendous accomplishment and wish him the best of luck.